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# H. RES. 1356

Celebrating the 221st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2008

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey (for himself, Ms. FOXX, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. AKIN, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. GOODE, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. POE, Mr. PITTS, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LATTI, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. BONNER, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. SALI, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. McHENRY, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. MACK, Mr. CARTER, and Mr. TIAHRT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 221st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America, and for other purposes.

Whereas the Constitution of the United States of America was formally signed on September 17, 1787, by 39 delegates from 12 States;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States was subsequently ratified by each of the original 13 States;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States was drafted in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for citizens of our Nation;

Whereas the liberties enjoyed by the citizens of the United States today are rooted in this cherished document that gave birth to our Nation;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States serves as the foundation for citizens of the United States to accomplish a level of prosperity, security, justice, and freedom unsurpassed by any other country;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States is a model for establishing freedom in other countries;

Whereas the Members of the House of Representatives take an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas September 17, 2008, is the 221st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) celebrates the 221st anniversary of the sign-  
3       ing of the Constitution of the United States of  
4       America;

5               (2) honors the efforts of the 42 delegates who  
6       attended the majority of the Constitutional Conven-

1       tion meetings and the 39 signers of the Constitution  
2       of the United States;

3           (3) acknowledges the significance of the ideals  
4       established by the Constitution of the United States,  
5       including the principle of a limited Federal Govern-  
6       ment with a system of checks and balances between  
7       the 3 branches;

8           (4) recognizes the Constitution of the United  
9       States as the source responsible for our Nation's  
10      ability to withstand calamity and preserve national  
11      stability, or as Thomas Jefferson wrote, "Our pecu-  
12      liar security is in the possession of a written Con-  
13      stitution"; and

14          (5) encourages the citizens of the United States  
15      of America, who have the privilege to share in the  
16      freedoms recognized in the Constitution of the  
17      United States, to join with the House of Representa-  
18      tives in this historic celebration.

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